

SENATE BILL 1326

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62,
Chapter 5, Part 3, relative to funeral directors and
embalmers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 62-5-3__.

(a) Notwithstanding this part, or any rule or regulation to the contrary, a funeral director or embalmer who holds a current license in this state and who seeks to temporarily discontinue the practice of funeral directing or embalming may apply for inactive status by completing an application for inactive status, and submitting the appropriate fee to the board.

(b) In order to place a license on inactive status, the license must be in good standing and the licensee must prove that all continuing education requirements necessary for renewal of such license are satisfied.

(c) A funeral director or embalmer who seeks to reactivate an inactive license must submit to the board an application to reactivate, along with the appropriate fee, and documented proof of having met all continuing education requirements.

(1) If the request to reactivate a license is received more than two
(2) years but less than four (4) years from the date inactive status was
approved, the licensee shall submit written proof to the board that such

licensee has taken five (5) hours of continuing education during the inactive period.

(2) If the request to reactivate a license is received four (4) or more years after the date on which inactive status was approved, the licensee shall submit written proof to the board that such licensee has taken ten (10) hours of continuing education during the inactive period.

(d) It is unlawful for a funeral director or embalmer to practice funeral directing or embalming during the time a license is on inactive status.

SECTION 2. The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act, including but not limited to the creation of the applications described herein, and the establishment of the inactive status fee. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.